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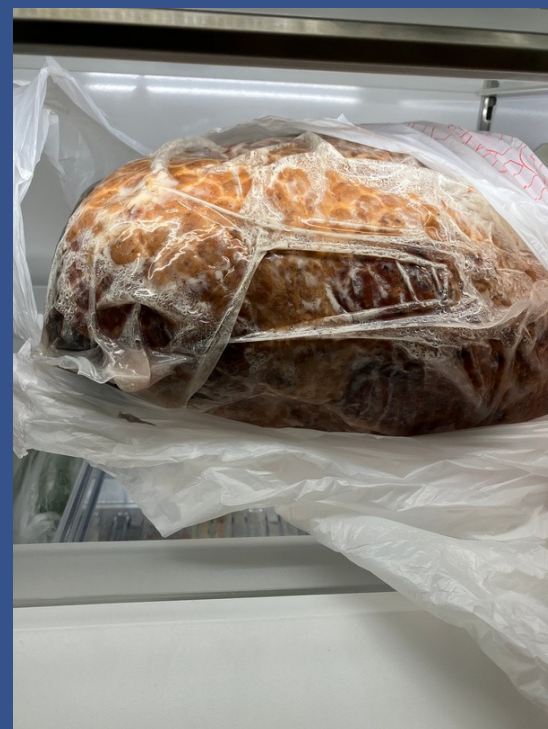
THE "SECRET" EDITION

NEWSLETTER

June 2025

FAST(ER) TURNAROUND!

Hello there again! After last month's copy took awhile to get out I decided it was important to establish that this is monthly and not cut any corners. I apologize if any of the timeline of my events is messed up, I haven't been journaling for this installment as much. One of the notable events recently was going to the mayor's "Coffee Hour" in the park close to my home. I was there to represent 311 along with one of my coworkers and the co-ops from Northeastern. Lots of free goodies too. Parks and Rec had a plant giveaway, and of course the coffee that they mentioned. Perhaps the coolest thing I got though was a copy of my birth certificate for free! (They normally cost \$12) I also managed to score a great deal on some ham. I got a whole 18 lb ham for \$10 and it was only slightly expired. If you ask me, though, does ham ever expire? I ate some yesterday as of writing this and I feel totally fine. I was also greeted at midnight to a message in my work Google chat titled "measles talking points" which is a bit of a shock. Apparently, some foolish person came through Boston last week while actively sick and they're warning people about it. I suppose it's a good sign that we're such a vaccinated city that we need to put out alerts like this but still cmon man.



HAM EVIDENCE:

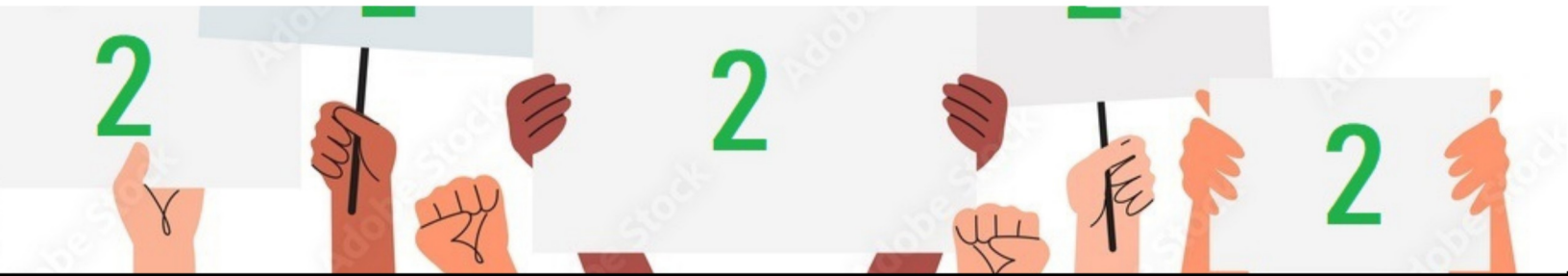
WHAT SHOULD THE SCHEDULE BE?

Originally my view for this newsletter would be that it's a monthly production. However, as we all see, it took me about two to get the second one out. I easily could've put it out sooner but my own laziness gets in the way, as well as a few other unforeseen issues. For example, I didn't realize that when I was printing the batch from the library that I had saved the newsletter as a png, so when I went to print it out it was oriented the wrong way and they all came out cut off, and you only get so many pages a month you can print out. Ultimately, I like the idea of a monthly production so that's why you

BIRD OF THE MONTH



will be getting these two issues back to back (or as back to back as a monthly production can get). A month feels like the right amount of time, it's constant enough that you're always thinking about it or you've just read and enjoyed it. At least that's what the people in marketing tell me.

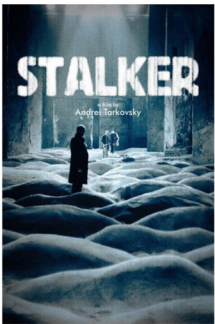


MUSINGS

I probably spend too much time looking at Facebook Marketplace, EBay and the like. I've found a few good deals on it, but it sometimes feel like you miss out on even more. I recently saw a Canon camera for about 50% the normal asking price. Despite it having been posted only four hours ago, it appeared I was not the first to respond. I have to admit, it did kinda sour my mood the next day. They say it's better to have loved and lost than to have never loved at all, but to them I say they're wrong; I would've rather not known about this deal than lament over losing it.

RANDOM RECOMMENDATIONS

Here are some random recommendations that I have for various things



MOVIE

Stalker (1979)



ARTIST

The Unicorns



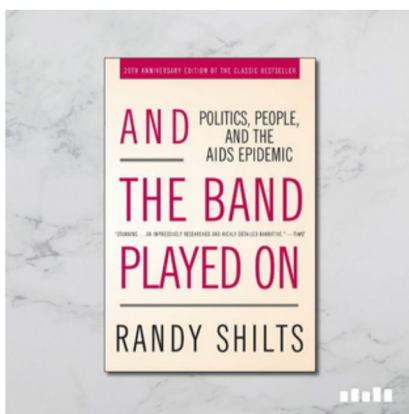
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BOOK

(AKA THE ONE I'M READING)

And the Band Played On
by Randy Shilts



SNACK

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